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SENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended March 31, 2004

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☐ yes ☒ no	4.	The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.							
☐ yes ☒ no	5.	The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).							
☐ yes ☒ no	6.	The local unit has been delinquent distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.							
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□ yes ⊠ no	9.	The local u	unit has not a	adopted an inves	stment policy as rec	quired by F	P.A. 196 c	f 1997 (M	CL 129.95).
We have encl	ose	d the folio	owing:			Enclose		To Be rwarded	Not Required
The letter of con	nme	ents and rec	commendation	ons.		Х			required
Reports on indiv	idua	al federal fir	nancial assis	stance programs	(program audits).				X
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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 29, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Victor Clinton County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Victor's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS EXHIBIT A March 31, 2004

	Governmental Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account (	Groups  General Long-
<u>Assets</u>	<u>General</u>	Agency	Fixed Assets	Term Debt
Cash in bank Taxes receivable Accounts receivable Due from other funds Land and improvements Buildings and improvements	283 267 12 15 122 48 4 000 00 1 434 75	5 047 23 - - - - -	153 718 53 393 979 95	- - - -
Fire equipment Hall equipment	-	-	466 462 73	<del>-</del>
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt			45 676 34 -	- <u>308 332 35</u>
Total Assets	303 824 35	5 047 23	1 059 837 55	308 332 35
Liabilities and Fund E	Equity			_
Liabilities:  Due to other funds  Due to others  Deposits  Contract payable  Total liabilities	- 2 685 00 - 2 685 00	1 434 75 3 612 48 - - 5 047 23	- - - - -	- - - 308 332 35 308 332 35
Fund equity: Investment in general fixed assets Fund balances: Unreserved:	-	-	1 059 837 55	-
Undesignated _ Total Liabilities and Fund	301 139 35 301 139 35	10	1 059 837 55	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity =	303 824 35	5 047 23	<u>1 059 837 55</u>	308 332 35

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

-	Total
_	(Memorandum Only)
-	288 314 35 15 122 48
	4 000 00
	1 434 75 153 718 53
-	393 979 95
	466 462 73
•	45 676 34
•	308 332 35
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•	1 434 75
	3 612 48
•	2 685 00 308 332 35
	316 064 58
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	1 059 837 55
	301 139 35
_	301 139 35 1 360 976 90
	<u>1 677 041 48</u>

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 1

Total (Memorandum Only) Governmental Fund Type General Revenues: Property taxes 202 785 79 Licenses and permits 8 144 06 State shared revenue 226 104 00 State grant 5 700 00 Charges for services: Property tax administration 23 175 49 Cemetery 11 241 20 Fire 1 883 50 Rent 11 477 00 Interest 2 870 55 Miscellaneous 2 302 73 Total revenues 495 684 32 **Expenditures:** Legislative: **Township Board** 34 774 58 General government: Supervisor 9 378 00 Assessor 23 315 67 Clerk 18 003 82 **Board of Review** 876 87 Treasurer 21 429 88 Township hall 24 854 40 Cemetery 14 815 52 Public safety: Fire protection 155 073 19 Law enforcement 1 756 00 **Planning** 174 83 Public works: Highways and streets 116 185 80 **Drains** 

10 997 55

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 2

Expenditures: (continued) Culture and recreation:	Total (Memorandum Only) Governmental Fund Type General
Library Parks and recreation Capital outlay	2 000 00 959 43 39 396 77
Total expenditures	<u>473 992 31</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	21 692 01
Fund balance, April 1	279 447 34
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>301 139 35</u>

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND EXHIBIT C Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 1

		General Fund			
			Over		
	5	•	(Under)		
	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	<u>Budget</u>		
Revenues:					
Property taxes	198 614 96	202 785 79	4 470 00		
Licenses and permits	4 150 00	8 144 06	4 170 83		
State shared revenue	222 000 00	226 104 00	3 994 06		
State grant	5 700 00	5 700 00	4 104 00		
Charges for services:	3 700 00	3 700 00	-		
Property tax administration	27 600 00	22 475 40	(4.404.74)		
Cemetery	4 500 00	23 175 49	(4 424 51)		
Fire	4 500 00	11 241 20	6 741 20		
Hall rental	4 000 00	1 883 50	1 883 50		
Interest	4 000 00	11 477 00	7 477 00		
Miscellaneous	3 800 00	2 870 55	(929 45)		
	400 00	<u>2 302 73</u>	<u>1 902 73</u>		
Total revenues	<u>470 764 96</u>	495 684 32	24 919 36		
Expenditures:					
Legislative:					
Township Board	35 050 00	34 774 58	(075.40)		
General government:	00 000 00	34 / / 4 30	(275 42)		
Supervisor	9 557 00	0 270 00	(470.00)		
Assessor	22 958 94	9 378 00	(179 00)		
Clerk	19 769 00	23 315 67	356 73		
Board of Review	900 00	18 003 82	(1 765 18)		
Treasurer	21 070 00	876 87	(23 13)		
Township hall	27 875 00	21 429 88	359 88		
Cemetery	19 160 00	24 854 40	(3 020 60)		
Public safety:	19 100 00	14 815 52	(4 344 48)		
Fire protection	146 770 76	4EE 070 40			
Law enforcement	8 756 00	155 073 19	8 302 43		
Planning		1 756 00	(7 000 00)		
Public works:	1 320 00	174 83	(1 145 17)		
Highways and streets	127 202 50	440 405 00			
Drains	127 303 50	116 185 80	(11 117 70)		
Culture and recreation:	10 997 55	10 997 55	-		
Library					
Parks and recreation	4 040 00	2 000 00	2 000 00		
and toologion	4 013 06	959 43	(3 053 63)		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND **EXHIBIT C** Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 2

_			General Fund	
_	Expenditures (continued):	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>~</u>	Contingency Capital outlay	30 000 00 40 000 00		(30 000 00) (603 23)
	Total expenditures	<u>525 500 81</u>	473 992 31	(51 508 50)
<b>,</b>	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(54 735 85)	21 692 01	76 427 86
_	Fund balance, April 1	<u>54 735 85</u>	279 447 34	<u>224 711 49</u>
	Fund Balance, March 31	-	301 139 35	<u>301 139 35</u>

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

#### Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Victor. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

#### **Joint Venture**

The Township and the Townships of Bingham and Greenbus jointly operate the Clinton Area Fire and Rescue to provide fire protection services for the three entities. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Township of Victor provided \$155,073.19 to the Fire Authority. The joint venture is not considered a part of the reporting entity of the Township of Victor. Separate financial statements of the Fire Authority may be obtained directly from them at P.O. Box 114 in St. Johns, Michigan.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized and described as follows:

#### Governmental Fund

#### **General Fund**

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

#### Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Account Groups**

### **General Fixed Assets Account Group**

This account group presents the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations.

### General Long-Term Debt Account Group

This account group presents the balance of general obligation long-term debt.

### Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and, expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes are due on the following December 1, with the final collection date of March 1, before they are

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Property Taxes** (continued)

added to the county tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was 2.3796 mills and the taxable value was \$85,226,148.00.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Purchases of fixed assets for all funds are recorded as expenditures in their respective funds at the time of purchase. They are also recorded at cost in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts which is required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at market.

#### Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements.

- 1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)**

- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

#### **Encumbrances**

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

#### Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

The Township Board has designated one bank for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	Carrying
	Amounts
Total Deposits	<u>288 314 32</u>
	200 3 14 32

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

	Bank <u>Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC) Uninsured and Uncollateralized	100 000 00 314 204 69
Total Deposits	<u>414 204 69</u>

As of March 31, 2004, the Township of Victor did not have any investments.

### Note 3 - Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 4/1/03	Additions	Deletions	Balance 3/31/04
Land and improvement Buildings and	153 718 53	-	-	153 718 53
improvement	354 583 18	39 396 77	_	393 979 95
Fire equipment	466 462 73	-	-	466 462 73
Hall equipment	<u>45 676 34</u>			45 676 34
Totals	1 020 440 78	39 396 77	_	1 059 837 55

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 4 - Changes in General Long-Term Debt

A summary of changes in general long-term debt follows:

	Balance 4/1/03	Additions	Deductions	Balance 3/31/04
Contract payable - fire equipment	<u>343</u> 000 13		04.007.70	
o oquipmont	<u> </u>	-	<u>34 667 78</u>	<u>308 332 35</u>
Totals	<u>343 000 13</u>		<u>34 667 78</u>	<u>308 332 35</u>

### Note 5 - Contract Payable - Fire Equipment

On May 1, 2001, the Township of Victor obtained a loan in the amount of \$408,042.00 to finance the cost of fire equipment. The loan is repayable in ten annual installments of \$55,213.59 including principal and interest. The payments are being made by Clinton Area Fire and Rescue. As of March 31, 2004, the outstanding principal balance was \$308,332.35 and it is recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

### Note 6 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township has a deferred compensation plan covering all employees. The Township contributes a percentage of each covered employee's wages to the plan. The employees also made contributions to the plan. The net expense for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, was \$3,848.30.

### Note 7 - Pension Plan

The Township does not have a pension plan.

### Note 8 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

### Note 9 - Building Permits

The Township of Victor does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Clinton.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 10 - Budget Variances

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, Township expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts in several activities as follows:

General Fund: Activity:	Total <u>Budget</u>	Total <u>Expenditures</u>	Excess Expenditures
Assessor	22 958 94	23 315 67	356 73
Treasurer	21 070 00	21 429 88	359 88
Fire protection	146 770 76	155 073 19	8 302 43
Library	-	2 000 00	2 000 00

## Note 11- Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT D Page 1
_		
	Township Board:	
	Salaries	2 025 00
	Publishing	3 935 00 3 070 74
	Audit	2 000 00
	Legal	112 00
	Miscellaneous	2 261 95
	Dues	1 723 16
	Payroll taxes	949 05
	Supplies	2 407 43
	Deferred compensation	3 848 30
_	Insurance	<u>14 466 95</u>
		34 774 58
	Supervisor:	
_	Salary	9 378 00
	Assessor:	
	Salary	40 005 00
	Miscellaneous	16 305 00
		7 010 67
_	Clerk:	23 315 67
	Salary	11 754 00
	Deputy	1 444 00
	Miscellaneous	<u>4 805 82</u>
		18 003 82
	Board of Review:	10 000 02
_	Salaries	825 00
	Miscellaneous	51 87
		876 87
	Treasurer:	
	Salary	13 680 00
	Deputy	1 364 00
_	Miscellaneous	6 385 88
	Township hells	21 429 88
	Township hall: Utilities	
-		9 424 06
	Contracted services	<u>15 430 34</u>
		24 854 40

-	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNTY Year Ended March 31, 2004	<u>NT</u> EXHIBIT D Page 2
	Cemetery: Contracted services Miscellaneous	12 250 00
	Fire protection:	2 565 52 14 815 52
_	Contracted services  Law enforcement	<u>155 073 19</u>
_	Planning: Wages	<u>1 756 00</u>
_	Miscellaneous	160 00 14 83 174 83
_	Highways and streets: Repairs and maintenance	116 185 80
_	Drains	10 997 55
-	Library	2 000 00
Programme and the second secon	Parks and recreation	959 43
	Capital outlay	<u>39 396 77</u>
_	Total Expenditures	<u>473 992 31</u>

# CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT E** 

_		Balance <u>4/1/03</u>	Additions	_Deductions	Balance 3/31/04
_	<u>Assets</u>				
_	Cash in bank Total Assets	10 289 55 10 289 55	2 237 895 18 2 237 895 18	2 243 137 50 2 243 137 50	5 047 23 5 047 23
	<u>Liabilities</u>				
_	Due to other funds Due to others Total Liabilities	3 907 04 6 382 51 10 289 55	214 112 73 2 023 782 45 2 237 895 18	216 585 02 2 026 552 48 2 243 137 50	1 434 75 3 612 48 5 047 23

# CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT F** 

Cash on hand and in bank – beginning of year	<u>10 289 55</u>
Cash receipts:	
Current property tax	2 215 547 99
Property tax administration fees	21 928 88
Interest	418 31
Total cash receipts	<u>2 237 895 18</u>
	<u> </u>
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	2 248 184 73
Cook diskura and t	
Cash disbursements:	
Township General Fund	216 585 02
Clinton County	1 147 944 28
Laingsburg Community School	592 757 74
Ovid-Elsie Area Community School	52 554 31
St. Johns Public School	95 518 13
Bath Community School	34 865 93
Clinton County Regional Education Service District	74 884 48
Lansing Community College	12 509 24
Refunds	15 518 37
Total cash disbursements	2 243 137 50
Cook on Hand 11 B t = 1 as	
Cash on Hand and in Bank – End of Year	<u> </u>

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

June 29, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Victor Clinton County, Michigan JUL 2 0 2004

LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Victor, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Victor in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

To the Township Board Township of Victor Clinton County, Michigan

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

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#### **GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Victor will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

#### **SEGREGATION OF DUTIES**

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

#### **SUMMARY**

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants